



Washington State  
Department of Transportation

## SR 99 Aurora Bridge Seismic Retrofit

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### What is happening on the Aurora Avenue Bridge?

The SR 99 Aurora Bridge is vulnerable to earthquakes. The columns, trusses, crossbeams and girders need to be strengthened. Earthquake-resistant bridge columns will help prevent the collapse of the Aurora Bridge.

The improved columns also will be less likely to crumble, split or crack in ways that would make the bridge vulnerable to collapsing later or showering concrete onto businesses, residences and traffic below.

This bridge is a key route for commuters and freight and carries about 80,000 vehicles a day heading to and from Seattle.



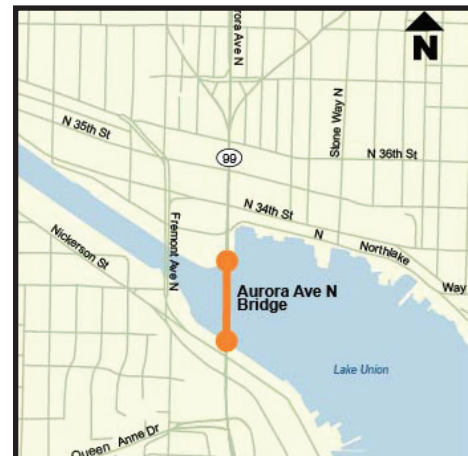
### Preserving the Fremont look

The bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a City of Seattle Landmark. Neighbors tell us they appreciate the period look and feel of the bridge. WSDOT will preserve that aesthetic by using specialized form-fitting wrap to make seismic upgrades to the cruciform columns along Troll Avenue.



### Neighborhood traffic and noise

We will be working under the bridge. To reduce the risk to pedestrians and vehicles from falling bridge debris, we will close or narrow lanes or restrict parking for short periods of time during construction. Three streets will be the most affected during construction: Troll Avenue, 36th Street near Troll Avenue and Queen Anne Boulevard.



Much of the work will take place during the day. Neighbors should not be affected by night noise.



Intermittent parking restrictions

### Project information

Construction begins: June 2011  
Construction complete: Fall 2012  
Construction budget: \$5.7 million

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